

## Teen Track: Creating Positive Relationships

### **[Room 223E]**

*Lakeshia Gilbert, Founder and CEO, HOAP, Inc. (Helping Our Adolescents Prosper)*  
*Latasha Robertson-Crump, Founder and CEO, Girls Growing II Women, Inc*

Learn tips on dealing with stress, microaggressions, unhealthy relationships and identity and other forms of self-care. We'll talk about how these impact self-esteem. What are the green flags to look for in a healthy relationship? What are the red flags to watch for in a bad one? This workshop is a safe place to honestly talk about topics that are often stigmatized or taboo. This workshop is for teens only.

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## DASH to Wellness, Connection, and Equity

### **[Plaza Area Building C, then DASH bus]**

*Ken Cipriano, GR Resident, Mobile GR*

Bundle up and join local residents and Ken Miguel-Cipriano from Mobile GR, for a DASH bus field trip. Learn how bus travel, walking, and bicycling strengthen our community. People can connect with neighbors, improve their health, and help make traveling better for those who are transit dependent. Learn skills and daily actions to connect with the community and support your neighbors while on your way to work, fun, or home.

## C4: Diverse Group of Community Members Attempt New Collaboration and Equity Focused Model to Address Environmental and Climate Injustices in Grand Rapids

### **[Loosemore Auditorium]**

*Alison Sutter, Sustainability and Performance Management Officer, City of Grand Rapids*  
*Synia Jordan, Samaria J's Salon/Owner, EPIC Member*  
*Cheri Holman, Executive Director, US Green Building Council, West Michigan*  
*Jackie Hernandez, Community Connections Coordinator, Healthy Homes Coalition*

In the summer of 2019, the City of Grand Rapids' Office of Sustainability launched a Community Collaboration on Climate Change (C4). The C4 planning team includes residents, environmental non-profits, neighborhood organizations, academic institutions, businesses, health care professionals, equity based organizations and government employees. Over 50% of the participants are people of color – and that is intentional. The C4 is intended to support the work being done by existing grassroots environmental organizations throughout the community, to elevate awareness and understanding of environmental injustices happening in our community, and to create a space and provide resources to communities of color to create a climate change/environmental action agenda that will inform grassroots environmental organizations and the City to ensure that the needs of communities of color are better served throughout Grand Rapids.

## Taking on Climate Chaos and Affordable Housing

### [Room 225E]

*Kymie Spring, Community Organizer, Creston Neighborhood Association*

In the face of widespread fear and apathy, the solutions to climate chaos exist. These solutions are economically viable and communities throughout the world are currently enacting them with skill and determination. We can do this. Join a workshop outlining the cutting-edge pilot project that the Creston Neighborhood Association has undertaken to address both climate change and our affordable housing crisis: “Organizing Neighbors to Lead Grand Rapids in Climate Resilience & Affordable Housing.” One of our panelists will present opportunities to make our homes more energy efficient, reducing our carbon footprint and saving money. You can learn how to educate our community and advocate for critical action. We can do this.

## Grand Rapids Promise Zone- Strengthening All Grand Rapids Students Through Access to Higher Education

### [Room 138E]

*Josh Spencer, Vice President of Grants, Projects & Program Development, Kennari Consulting*

*John Helmholdt, Executive Director of Communications & External Affairs, Grand Rapids Public Schools*

The Grand Rapids Promise Zone Scholarship will ensure all eligible students who live within the city of Grand Rapids and graduate from one of the 24 public, public charter, or private high schools located within the city limits of Grand Rapids will have free access to Grand Rapids Community College’s Associate’s Degree programs or their job training and certification programs – starting with the graduating class of 2020!

## Grand Rapids Human Rights Ordinance

### [Room 205D]

*Patti Caudill, Equity and Engagement Manager, Office of Equity and Engagement, City of Grand Rapids*

The City was approached by a community group (LINC Up) requesting that we review and revise our current community relations ordinance to ensure the ordinance fully and adequately protects people in Grand Rapids. The Grand Rapids CRC took up this challenge and researched and presented a Human Rights Ordinance in April of 2019. In August of 2019, the Grand Rapids City Commission approved the amended Human Rights Ordinance to go into effect on December 1, 2019.

This workshop will provide residents with information regarding the ordinance as well as the complaint investigation procedures for filing a Human Rights Complaint with the City of Grand Rapids.

## Climate Change Awareness & Change Preparedness

### [Room 203D]

*Allison Farole, Emergency Manager, City of Grand Rapids*

*Fran Dalton, Neighborhood Organizer, Garfield Park Neighborhood Association*

Grand Rapids is currently experiencing climate change impacts in several areas. Due to these currently evolving conditions, it can be anticipated that certain areas of preparedness should be on all citizens' radar. Our presentation will point out the expected problems and provide our attendees with viable Emergency Management strategies to help mitigate the impacts of these evolving community environmental community concerns, such as:

- Adjustment of insurance coverages
- General Emergency Preparedness tasks
- What everyone's "just in case" knowledge should be

## City Within a City: Past Context and Future Change

### [Room 201D]

*Mario Leon, Bi-Lingual Community Liaison, LINC UP*

*Samika Douglas, Community Liaison, LINC UP*

*Shaquille Anthony, Workforce Community Liaison, LINC UP*

This will be an interactive workshop to reflect on the policies, practices and particular events of the not so distant past which have contributed to the inequities and systemic racism experienced by marginalized groups of today. It will also identify positive acts of resistance and organizing. The goal of this workshop is to provide awareness and context for current issues and inspire change.

## Grand Rapids Autonomous Shuttle Initiative

### [Room 213E]

*Josh Naramore, Director of Mobile GR and Parking Services, City of Grand Rapids*

In July 2019, the City of Grand Rapids, launched the Grand Rapids Autonomous Shuttle Initiative (AVGR). The AVGR pilot runs from July 2019-July 2020 on the streets of Grand Rapids. Unlike any autonomous mobility engagement of its kind, AVGR will engage the public, understand usage in real-time, innovate accessibility and study how our the City reacts to the automated vehicles.

This presentation will use the AVGR pilot as a backdrop to explore lessons learned around the following:

- Public perceptions and attitudes about AVs
- Provide opportunity for conversations surrounding accessibility and disability
- Impacts to public infrastructure
- Safety

## Teen Track: Make A Podcast

### **[Room 201D]**

*Ted Diedrich, GRTV Station Manager at Grand Rapids Community Media Center*

Learn how to make a podcast from beginning to end! Attendees will leave knowing the steps to creating a podcast, how to use audio as storytelling, where it's popular to stream and how to monetize. You'll also get hands-on experience with the audio and visual equipment. By the end of the workshop, as a group, attendees will also have recorded their own podcast, commemorating the first Teen Track at Summit and educating our city's adults about what's next! This workshop is for teens only.

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## La Movilidad Crea Bienestar, Conexión y Equidad

### **[Plaza - Building C, then DASH bus]**

*Ken Cipriano, GR Resident, Mobile GR*

Abriganse y juntese con analista de transporte Ken Miguel-Cipriano, para un viaje de autobús de DASH. Aprende cómo el viaje en bus y andando en bicicleta fortalecen a nuestra comunidad. La gente pueden conectarse con sus vecinos, mejorar su salud, y ayudar a hacer que los viajes sean mejores para aquellos que dependen del tránsito. Aprenda habilidades y acciones diarias para conectarse con la comunidad y apoyar sus vecinos en camino al trabajo, la diversión o el hogar. Este taller será presentado en español.

## American Indians' History of Grand Rapids

### **[Room 138E]**

*Madalene Big Bear, Bodwéwadmi (Potawatomi)*

*Anishinaabe Circle Board of Directors*

Anishinaabek people have been living here for more than 14,000 years. Native Americans live alongside 'Americans'. We have a lateral existence and a separate history, then the history of the people who live here with us today. This workshop will present the history of Grand Rapids that can only be shared by the indigenous people who are from here. Discussion topics will include Pre-Contact life, Early contact, 'Americanization', Present day living, and the next 7 generations. Our time together, at this discussion, will give attendees unique perspectives from the original people who are still here.

## Urban Agriculture in Grand Rapids

### [Room 225E]

#### *Panel Discussion Hosted by Grand Rapids Urban Agriculture Committee*

Urban agriculture is growing or producing food by cultivating plants and raising animals in the city. At the heart of urban agriculture are the people who create community and seek environmental justice by growing food, sharing knowledge, and developing partnerships that connect us to our food and our environment. In this session, hear from local experts about how urban agriculture is making our community better, how we are tackling current challenges and opportunities, and how residents can get involved in our local food system.

**Moderated by Jill Myer**, Kent County Health Department and GR Urban Agriculture Committee vice chair

#### **Panelists include:**

**Lisa Oliver-King**, Executive Director of Our Kitchen Table, GR Urban Agriculture Committee member

**Garrett Ziegler**, Community Food Systems Educator, Kent County MSU Extension

**Ricardo Tavárez**, Executive Director of New City Neighbors

**Joan Huyser-Honig**, various community gardens, GR Urban Agriculture Committee chair

## Office of Public Accountability

### [Room 136E]

#### *Brandon Davis, Interim Director of Oversight and Public Accountability*

The Office of Oversight and Public Accountability (OPA) was created in August of 2019 by City Manager Mark Washington in his capacity as Director of Public Safety for the City of Grand Rapids. OPA's charge is to serve as the liaison between public safety and community. The goal of the Safe Community objective of the City of Grand Rapids Strategic Plan is to ensure that all people feel safe and are safe at all times in our community. The City recognizes that trust in our public safety officials is an important factor in ensuring that people feel safe in our community. Civilian oversight of public safety is an important tool that helps to protect civil rights, support effective policing, build bridges between public safety and community, increase confidence in police, manage risks, and ensure greater accountability. To that end, OPA works to help make Grand Rapids a place where there is mutual trust and respect between our public safety departments and the community we serve. The purpose of this session is to provide community the opportunity to learn about OPA and to provide input regarding OPA's strategic direction.

## Census 2020

### [Room 205D]

#### *Kathis Harris, Census Coordinator, Development Center, City of Grand Rapids*

The City of Grand Rapids is coordinating with more than 50 partner organizations to educate residents about the importance of the census, motivate them to participate and provide assistance to those who need it. Our goal is a complete and accurate count of all residents, with a focus on neighborhoods at greatest risk of being undercounted. Census Coordinator Kathi Harris will lead a session including general census information, an explanation of how the census impacts the quality of life in our City, a demonstration of the online form, and time for questions and answers.

## White Consciousness Raising: Dismantling of White Supremacy in Ourselves, Our Organizations and Our Systems

### **[Loosemore Auditorium]**

*Marlene Kowalski-Braun, GVSU Division of Inclusion and Equity*

*Lisa Perhamus, GVSU College of Education*

*Deanna Rolffs, Inner City Christian Federation & Design Group International*

This learning and application session will touch upon white identity development, white privilege and white fragility in both personal and institutional contexts, while introducing strategies to dismantle oppressive systems in organizations. This session is designed for white (self-identified participants who have foundations social justice or anti-racism training and want to further explore how to be an ally.

## Community Engagement Program (Diversion and Outreach) & New Weapons Ordinance

### **[Room 201D]**

*Angela Ross, Director of Criminal Division, Grand Rapids City Attorney's Office*

*Kristen Rewa, Assistant City Attorney, Grand Rapids City Attorney's Office*

*Sgt. John Wittkowski, PIO, Grand Rapids Police Department*

The City of Grand Rapids Attorney's Office will present on efforts to promote environmental justice through its Community Engagement Program (Diversion and Outreach). The program both empowers communities and repairs harm caused by crime. City Staff will discuss the CEP and new city ordinances, specifically, the City's new weapons ordinance going into effect on April 1, 2020. The law regulates use of firearms, pneumatic guns (airsoft and BB guns), other weapons (like bows and crossbows), as well as new rules on imitation firearms. The presenters will discuss and provide information so that you know what the law is and how it applies to you and your neighborhood.

## A Bright Future Begins Here: Michigan's Clean Energy Plan

### **[Room 223E]**

*Roger Morgenstern, Senior Public Information Director, Consumers Energy*

*Robert Roh, Senior Account Manager, Consumers Energy*

In 2019, with input from our customers and other stakeholders, Consumers Energy launched its Clean Energy Plan for Michigan. The plan will eliminate coal and meet 90 percent of our state's energy needs with clean resources by 2040 – and we need your help! Join Consumers Energy's Roger Morgenstern and Robert Roh for a conversation about Michigan's Clean Energy Plan. You'll learn about the clean and lean energy future we're building, and the solutions we offer residents and businesses in Michigan's rural communities to help us realize it.

## Teen Track: Money, Money, Money

### [Room 138E]

*Johnnie Jordan Sr., Community Board Member for the Roosevelt Park Neighborhood Association and Master Tech for Pep Boys*

*Sue Garza, Cook Library Center Director and Vice Chair of To College Through College at the GR Center for College Success*

How do you navigate personal finances after high school? Do you know how to open a bank account? What about college finances and the new Promise Zone? Ask all your questions, big and small, and walk away with more confidence and lots of practical tips from this encouraging workshop. This workshop is for teens only.

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## Project Charter for Community Change (DGRI)

### [Room 203D]

*AnnaMarie Buller, Community Organizer, Downtown Grand Rapids Inc.*

Whether you are planning an event, project or program in your community, this basic outline will help you plan, execute and monitor your project. Bring a current or upcoming project idea and get ready to explore a new tool.

## Events + People = Community and Vibrancy!

### [Room 205D]

*Evette Pittman, City of Grand Rapids Office of Special Events*

*Kayleigh Kramer, City of Grand Rapids Office of Special Events*

Are you looking for a way to bring your neighborhood together to celebrate or strengthen your sense of belonging? Events can do that! Do you have an event idea and need some direction on how to get started? We can help! This session will prepare you to go from concept to implementation by reviewing how to plan an event on public property. We will share 'how to' tips for event planning, social media, recruiting volunteers, and raising funds. You will leave this session equipped with knowledge and information to plan a successful event in your neighborhood.



## Zero Cities, Centering Residents Voice in the Design of Energy Efficiency Strategies

### [Room 225E]

*Alison Sutter, Sustainability and Performance Management Officer, City of Grand Rapids*

*Sergio Cira-Reyes, Director of Community Engagement, Urban Core Collective*

*Alex Markam, Community Organizer, Healthy Homes Coalition of West Michigan*

*Tatiana Elisa Bustos, Evaluation Consultant, ABD Community Psychology*

This workshop will highlight how environmental organizations, cities and organizations can shift the focus from residents as participants in programs to community consultants and designers of the services they want to have available. Participants will learn about the Zero Cities project -focused on reducing energy use in homes and buildings, and how advocacy organizations are engaging with residents to make this work relevant. There will be an interactive conversation to get participant feedback and ideas on how to improve existing services and how they are delivered.

## Doing Business With The City

### [Room 223E]

*Alvin Hills IV, Business Developer, City of Grand Rapids*

This workshop allows residents to learn how neighborhood businesses can do business with the City of Grand Rapids. The City makes spending local a priority and we are always excited to meet new companies who are interested in doing business with us. We purchase everything from Food, Uniforms, Construction, and Professional services to share a few examples, which makes most businesses a potential supplier. Please visit this workshop to learn more about business opportunities with the City of Grand Rapids.

## Connecting Our Stories, Connecting Our Power, Connecting Through Food and Culture

### [Room 201D]

*Wendy McFarland, Support Coordinator, Network180*

*Eleanor Moreno, Director of Community Engagement, The Other Way Ministries*

Imagine a community where the wisdom and perspectives of all intermingled. We will focus on the foundation of community by rooting ourselves in relationships, stories, healing, culture and sharing the stories of food.

## Neighborhood Stats & Data

### [Room 136E]

*Rachel Borashko, Data Analyst, Community Data and Research Lab, Grand Valley State University*

What data are available about our Grand Rapids neighborhoods? Where did it come from? How can I access it and how can it help me? Come talk all things GR data with the Community Data & Research Lab! Learn about various publicly available data resources and tools, and share how you are using or hoping to use data, too!"